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Applicant: Shawn D. Stad et al.

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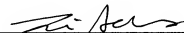
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 19, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.